

REMARKSRestriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 1-6, 9-14, and 17-22 (Group 1) and claims 7-8, 15-16, and 23-24 (Group 11). Applicants hereby elect without traverse 1-6, 9-14, and 17-22 (Group 1) for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 7-8, 15-16, and 23-24 (Group 11) have been canceled without prejudice.

With reference to the office communication of December 23, 2005, the elected claims now commence on a separate sheet and are identified as (Original). The non-elected claims are each identified as (Canceled). Applicant thanks the Examiner for giving an opportunity to correct these issues and respectfully awaits an office action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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